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They were on the train and at their ease When the conductor called out "Tickets, please." "We have no tickets," said TEDDY-G, "But cash we have, as you will see, And to Washington we want to go

> To see the President and to let him know That we are fully satisfied That Uncle Sam is tall and wide And big around, of mighty girth, The greatest show on all the earth; His boys and girls are full of fun From Omaha to Washington."

But the conductor said, "You ought to know
If to Washington you want to go
You've started wrong; this train you're on
Is a Pittsburg special from Washington;
And to-morrow morning, if we're not late,
You'll be in Pittsburg at half-past eight."

The Bears looked dazed and then looked mad, And then they laughed and both looked glad. Said TEDDY-B, "Pay up the fares; We'll pass to-morrow as millionaires And found a library and put through a deal Of high finance in oil or steel." But TEDDY-G didn't think so far; He thought of night and the sleeping car;

He recalled some cranky things he said

When they made him sleep in an upper bed

On a train out West, and the banjo song,

And the things they did a little wrong

Till both were put right off the train

On a Kansas farm in a shower of rain.

The conductor heard this wise remark:

"If on this train, when the night is dark,

You want this Bear to behave himself,

Don't make him sleep on a Pullman shelf."



But the trip was made without mishap

And both the Bears enjoyed a nap

In lower berths till eight o'clock.

When the porter gave their berths a knock

And said, "Get up; it's broad day light;

The Iron City is now in sight."

But things outside looked black as night

And said TEDDY-B, "Do you mean to say

That this is Pittsburg and this is day?"

The man replied, "Get up; that's smoke; Take my advice and when you joke About this town, don't do it loud,

> For Pittsburg people live in a cloud, And their ideas about a bear

May be colored some by Pittsburg air."

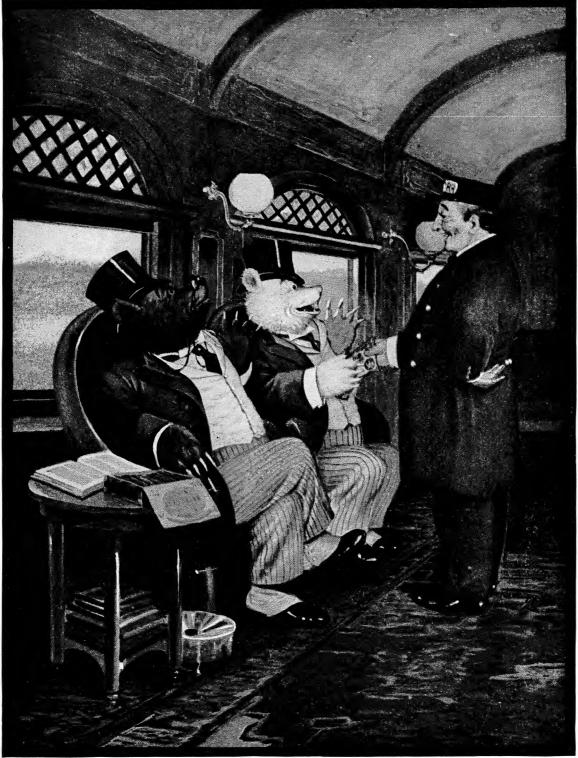
"What's that you say?" called TEDDY-G,

"You seem to know your geography, But let me say right here and now, I'll teach your Pittsburg people how

To dance and sing, to laugh and joke, In mountain air or city smoke,

For they must know this very day

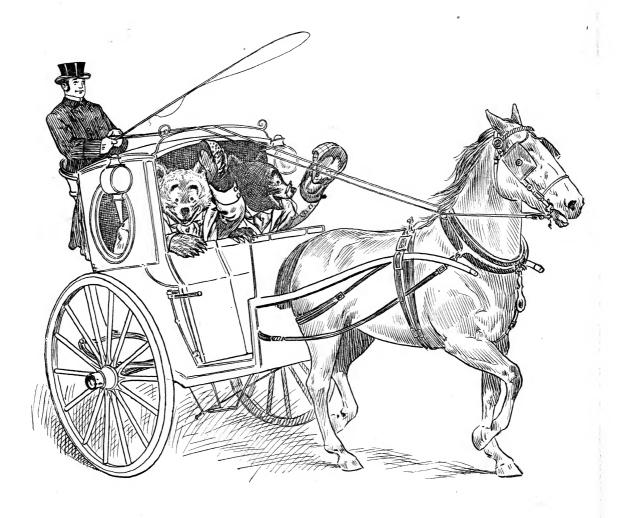
That Pittsburg too was made for play."



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"Said TEDDY-B, 'Pay up the fares, We'll pass to-morrow as millionaires."

They took a cab to a big hotel
Where things are done both smart and swell;
And breakfast over, TEDDY-B



On mischief bent, went out to see

What the telegraph and phone could do

To get a crowd their tricks to view.

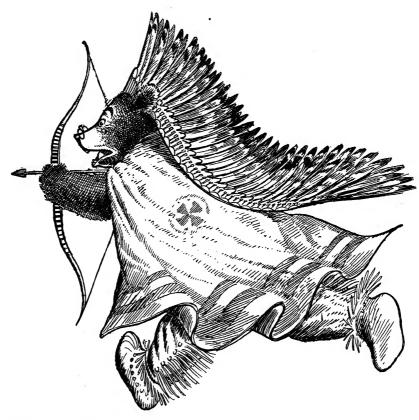
He called up schools, every one in town,
And ordered all the children down
To the Old Block House at noon to see
The Teddy Bears teach history.



Then on the Mayor he played a lark
By ordering the police to Schenley Park,
To be locked up there till after dark;
"For," said TEDDY-B, "the police you know
Might spoil our little Block House show."

At costume shops each Teddy Bear Bought a lot of Indian things to wear. They planned at the Old Block House to meet At the corner of a nearby street,

And from that spot like Indians race And take possession of the place. They did the trick in Wild West style; Their whoops and yells were heard a mile;



But the fight was short; no one to scare; There wasn't a soul there anywhere. They made the place from roof to floor

Like seventeen hundred and sixty-four And put things into shape to fool The boys and girls from every school.



The children came, five thousand strong,

A happy, merry, lively throng;

The little ones by teachers led
To study history, they said,

But the history lesson learned that day

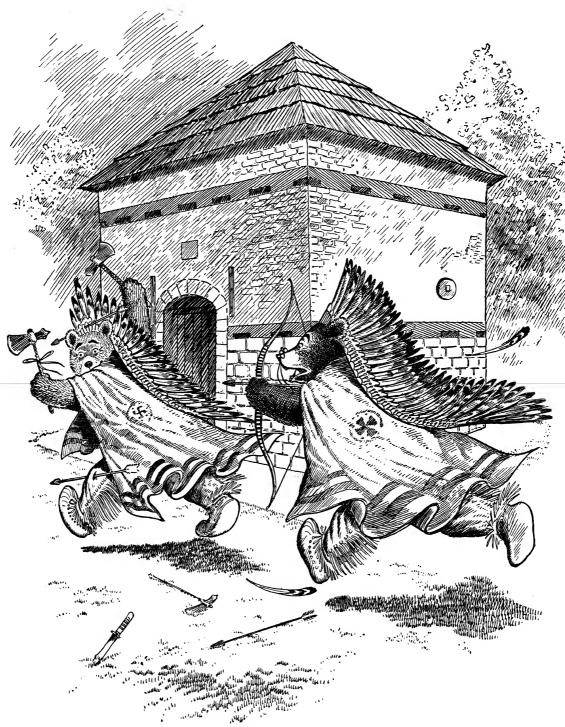
Was livelier stuff, the fellows say,

Than most boys learn at public school; For it didn't follow any rule,

> But just shot off with laughter loud In every corner of the crowd.

The Teddy Bears, as Indians brave, Did everything but behave:

They chased each other round the Block
With bow and arrow and tomahawk;



"They chased each other round the Block with bow and arrow and tomahawk."

They climbed to the roof and danced a jig
And called to children small and big
To catch the arrows every time
And bring them back and get a dime;
And then to finish up the sport
They asked the boys to take the fort:
The boys to be the soldiers bold
And they as Indians the place to hold.

In this the boys came out ahead;
The Bears pretended they were dead,
While the boys to do the thing up well
Sent two dead Bears to the hotel.
In half an hour they lived again
And were out on bicycles for a spin;



This time to see men making steel,

And in Highland Park to have a wheel,

And to see the Zoo and the Bridge of Sighs,

And Luna Park, where they won the prize.

In the afternoon they put up a lark

At the entrance gate of Highland Park.

A little lad who flew a kite

Had got the string caught good and tight

On the entrance post when TEDDY-G

Climbed up the post and said that he

Would untie the knot and start the kite

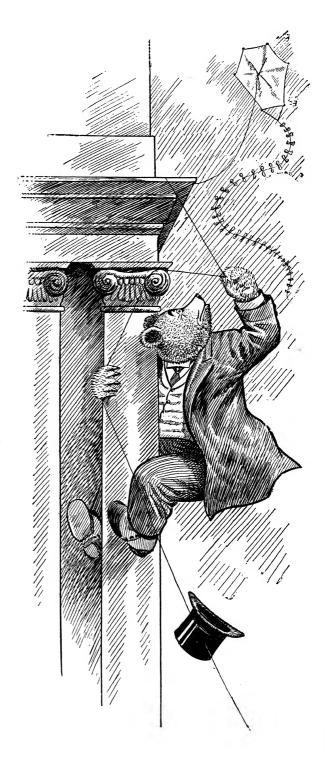
Up to the sky and out of sight.

A rope was lying twirled around

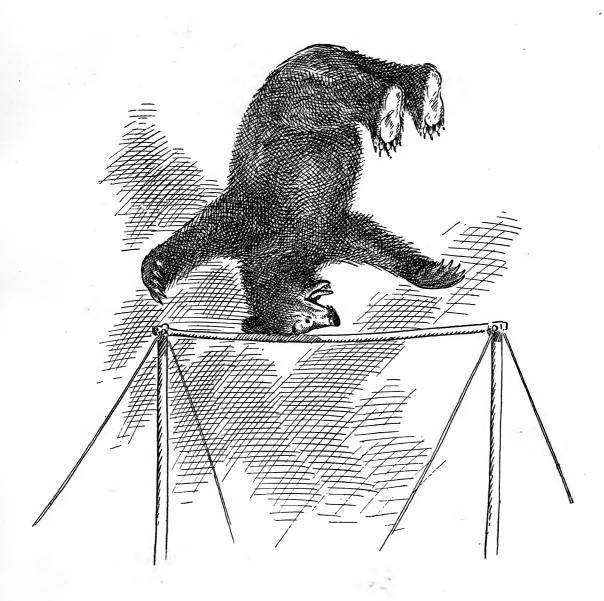
Where workmen left it on the ground,

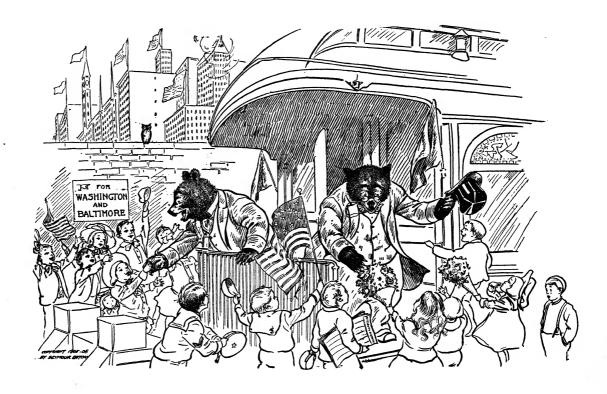
And TEDDY-G as quick as wink

And before the men had time to think



Caught up the rope and made it tight
From post to post, from left to right,
And out he went like a circus clown
And whirled around, head up and down,
And walked the rope and made more play
Than folks had seen for many a day.





At six o'clock they said good-bye

To busy streets and smoky sky

And to boys and girls for the day of fun

And started back towards Washington.

Said TEDDY-B, as a town they passed
Where furnaces made fiery blast,
"I'd rather be a Teddy Bear
Than stand that heat and work in there;
But this old world was made, they say,
So that men would work and bears could play."